

Remarks

Claims 1-3, 5 and 8-12 are pending in this application. By this amendment, claims 1-3, 5, and 8-10 have been amended. The above amendments and the following remarks are being made to facilitate early allowance of the claimed subject matter.

Applicants do not acquiesce in the correctness of the objections and rejections and reserve the right to present specific arguments regarding any rejected claims not specifically addressed. Further, Applicants reserve the right to pursue the full scope of the subject matter of the original claims in a subsequent patent application that claims priority to the instant application. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 11 and 12 are allowed. Claims 3 and 5 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter.

Claims 1, 2, and 8-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over Kwon et al. (US 6,235,552 B1), hereafter "Kwon." Applicants submit that this rejection is defective because Kwon fails to disclose or suggest each and every feature of the claims as required by 35 U.S.C. § 102.

Specifically, with respect to claim 1, Kwon fails to disclose or suggest, *inter alia*, **"forming the conductor pattern and the insulating layer using a flexible foil, wherein the flexible foil originally comprises a conductive layer and an electrically insulating**

Serial No.: 10/067,425

7

layer, and wherein the conductor pattern is formed from the conductive layer of the flexible foil and the insulating layer is formed from the electrically insulating layer of the flexible foil." In Kwon, there is no disclosure of a "flexible foil" that originally comprises a conductive layer and an electrically insulating layer as claimed. Further, there is no disclosure of "forming the conductor pattern" and "the insulating layer" using such a flexible foil, wherein the conductor pattern is formed from the conductive layer of the flexible foil and the insulating layer is formed from the electrically insulating layer of the flexible foil. In addition, there is no disclosure of "detachably securing the flexible foil to a substrate on the side of the conductor pattern."

In the above-referenced Final Office Action, the Examiner equates the claimed "conductor pattern" and "insulating layer" of the claimed "flexible foil" with Kwon's metal patterns 122 and second dielectric layer 126, respectively. The Examiner also asserts that Kwon's substrate 110 corresponds to both the claimed "substrate" to which the "flexible foil" is detachably secured, and to the "flexible foil" itself. In claim 1, however, the "flexible foil" is detachably secured to a separate "substrate."

Claims 2-3, 5 and 8-10 are dependent upon claim 1. Applicants submit that these claims are allowable for the same reasons stated above, as well as for their own additional features.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of record, allow all the pending claims, and find the application to be in condition for allowance. If any points remain in issue that may best be resolved

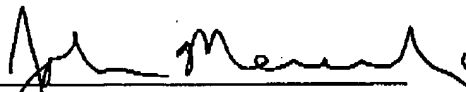
Serial No.: 10/067,425

8

through a personal or telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 8/5/04

  
John A. Merecki  
Reg. No. 35,812

Hoffman, Warnick & D'Alessandro LLC  
Three E-Comm Square  
Albany, NY 12207  
(518) 449-0044 - Telephone  
(518) 449-0047 - Facsimile

Serial No.: 10/067,425

9